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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

I, Gary W. Yeager, declare and state:

1. My educational background includes a B.S. in Chemistry from University of Pittsburgh (1980), an M.S. in Chemistry from Rutgers University (1983), and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1993).
2. I have been employed since 1983 by the General Electric Company, where I am currently a Senior Research Scientist in the General Electric Global Research Center.
3. I am an inventor or co-inventor on over fifty issued U.S. patents relating to thermoplastic and thermoset compositions, methods, and articles.
4. I am an applicant on the above-identified application.

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5. I am also a co-inventor of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0169256 of Merfeld et al.

6. I am familiar with the June 23, 2005 office action ("6/23/04 office action") and the August 29, 2005 advisory action ("8/29/05 advisory action") for the above-identified application.

7. I conceived the portions of paragraphs [0081] and [0084] of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0169256 of Merfeld et al. relied on by the Examiner in the claim rejections of the 6/23/04 office action and the 8/29/05 advisory action.

8. I further declare that all statements and representations made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements and representations were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued therefrom.

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